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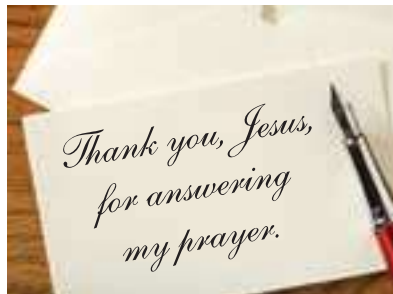
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Your Ballot! **Not Too Late to Cast It!**

For the past several months, Americans have been following some major events that have caused people around the world to sit up and take notice. Two such events are the negative impact of the stock market and the 2008 presidential elections.

With the stock market breaking records with its downward spiral, many families have lost their homes, unemployment is on the rise, and many individuals who spent years saving toward their retirement have to rethink that move because their “nest egg” has been affected. That is only the tip of the iceberg of events impacting the economic and social climate of the United States and the world.

Millions of people worldwide followed the 2008 presidential campaign with great interest, recognizing the possible historical implications. Record numbers of individuals cast their ballots on November 4 and elected a new president, Barack Obama, who they hope, will bring about change.

In the midst of worldwide uncertainty, there is good news. A much more important campaign is taking place. The two candidates are waging a campaign for the lives of every human being on planet Earth. Every day, individuals are casting their vote for one candidate or the other—Jesus Christ or Satan.

The Bible tells us, as we consider our options, “Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour”—1 Peter 5:8 (NIV). Satan, the “morning star, son of the dawn,” was cast out of heaven with an “I” problem that will cost him his life and that of many others. “I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High”—Isaiah 14:13–14 (NIV).

Jesus Christ expresses His concern for others, “Therefore do not worry, saying,

‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ . . . But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you”—Matthew 6:31, 33 (NKJV). He also says, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms . . . I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am”—John 14:1–3 (NIV).

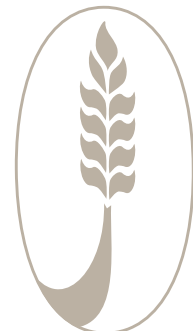
The choices are clear, Jesus Christ offers life eternal and Satan offers death. Do not be afraid or alarmed at what you see and hear around you in the world today. Contrary to the many (uncertain) promises made by human beings, we are certain that a better day is coming. Even though, according to Scripture, things will get worse before they get better, hear the words of the last canonical prophet, “Look, God’s home is now among his people! . . . God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever’ . . . And the one sitting on the throne said, ‘Look, I am making everything new! . . . To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children’”—Revelation 21:3–7 (NLT).

In just a few weeks, 2008 will be over and a new year will begin. The events of 2008 will have left many indelible marks on the world, some of which will affect us all. I invite you to take some time out of your busy schedules to reflect on where things stand with you and the choice you need to make; and, if you have not already done so, cast your ballot now! It’s not too late!🙏

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It's Your Turn

Stories of Thanksgiving and Answered Prayers

We serve an awesome God who has done and is waiting to do great things for us. From a young age, I learned how important it is to share my stories about God's goodness because, in addition to receiving a blessing, the stories can be a blessing and a source of inspiration to others.

Reflect for a moment on your Christian experience, from the day you said "I do" to God until now. Are you able to count the number of times God has blessed you or answered your prayers? Can you remember the many times you shared your story and someone was encouraged?

In this final issue of the *GLEANER* for 2008, we have asked some of our members to share their stories of blessings and answered prayers. We hope they will serve to inspire and encourage you, our readers, as you travel on this Christian journey.

—Ednor A. P. Davison

God is a Faithful Provider

Looking back on the past four years of college, I have seen God move tremendously in my life. I cannot even begin to tell you all of the things that He has done. I have learned two of the greatest lessons—to trust God and



Mallesha Malcolm

believe in Him, because He will do exactly what he says in His Word.

When I first started college, I did not know where the funds were going to come from for tuition for the next four years. But I praise God because He always provided on time for me. I remember getting a phone call asking me to pick up a scholarship check of \$2,500. I did not apply for this scholarship and had no clue about it. All I could say was "Thank you, Jesus!" I remember the other checks that I received from scholarship funds that I have never heard of in my life. These examples and others proved to me that God always provides, and there is no need to worry!

As far as my academic journey goes, God was not short in taking me through such a long ride. There were times when I didn't think I was going to make it, times when I was burdened down, and times when I wanted to give up. However, I gained new strength through Isaiah 43:19: "Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert."

God is doing new things in my life. He has made ways through the wilderness and rivers in the desert, just for me. Because of that, there is nothing else I can do but tell others of His goodness. After all, I am a living testimony that God is a faithful provider!—*Mallesha Malcolm, June 2008 college graduate and Corona church member*

A Gift With No Strings Attached

We had been Christians for six months before my husband felt the Lord was calling him into the ministry. We headed off to Southern Adventist University that winter, only after we sold everything we owned to afford the trip down.

We arrived with a car that would only go 30 miles per hour and a couple hundred dollars to our name. We knew the Lord had



Angie Hyden

called us, so we went in complete faith with our four-year-old daughter in tow.

I landed a cleaning job right away, traveling from one house to another and, weeks later, I was able to get a second job at McKee Foods.

One day, as I left my cleaning job and was on my way to McKee, my car died, and it was not fixable. Not having any money for a car, I cried out to the Lord, "You know what we can afford, and it is not much. Please help me to find a vehicle so I can continue to work."

How was I going to get to my jobs? I had to travel all over. I called my boss that night and explained that I would need a ride the next morning. She drove me to our first house to clean. Midway through the day, she asked me to come outside. As I walked out, there was a man I had never met with a set of keys to a car that he gave me with no strings attached—just an answered prayer.—*Angie Hyden, administrative assistant to the Northern New England Conference president*

God Is Always Able. . . . More than Able

It was time for the New York Conference Teen Mission Trip 2008 to Riverton, Wyoming. My husband

had been asked to be part of the staff again, and this time our two children, Gabrielle and Jonathan, would go with him. The cost for their trip was \$1,950. Only a few months earlier our family had accepted the call to help plant a church in Niagara Falls, New York, and our finances had no room for \$1,950.

So, with only one month to raise the funds, we began praying and seeking a miracle. We sent out sponsorship letters and received \$50 here and there, but less than a week from the deadline we were short \$1,600. When we received our first donation, I said in faith "OK, it is God's will for them to go!" But everyone had stopped believing that they would be able to go. In worship, we prayed one more time and

Thank you, Jesus, for increasing our faith and for the assurance that You give us through Your promises in Your Word.

asked God to make His will clear to us. The next day, Jim received a call asking him to be the trip director. If he accepted, his entire cost would be paid. Praise God! He accepted. The following day we went to pick up a donation from a friend and, when we arrived, he had mistakenly written the check for \$175 more than his already generous donation. I realized it when he handed me the check and his response was, "Just go ahead and keep it."

Another day more donations came in the mail. One afternoon I was counting the money as the kids were nervously waiting to see how much money had come in. We were \$100 short. Shortly, there was a knock at the door. A good friend came in and handed us some money for the trip. The amount? \$100! We all shouted for joy;

what a miracle! The kids had truly seen God at work and so did we.

The trip was a great success. Thank you, Jesus, for increasing our faith and for the assurance that You give us through Your promises in Your Word. God is always able—more than able.—*Christina Webber, Niagara Falls church plant*

God Hears Your Prayers

Fifteen years ago, my sister Deborah fell asleep in the Lord. I remember her last words to me, "I want to see all my family in heaven." These words have remained with me ever since that day. Two-and-a-half years ago the Holy Spirit convicted me and I returned to church in April 2006. In June 2006 at the Devonshire Seventh-day Adventist Church, there were a series of meetings held entitled "WWJD"(What Would Jesus Do?). The meetings ran for two weeks and I hardly missed one.

On the Thursday night that Pastor Alanzo Smith was the speaker, at the end of the sermon he asked the congregation to invite someone out the next night. So I called my brother, Gary, and invited him to come out on the Friday night. In return he requested some information on the Sabbath, which I gave him.

Additionally, I shared with him some Bible texts and a book. He said, "I'll see you there." Pastor Smith spoke about his personal life in a message entitled "Sent home to Die." It was very touching. When the appeal was made, Gary went to the front and the very next day was

baptized, together with my daughter Jazmyne, 16 other individuals, and myself.

I believe that God answers prayer. I have a large family that I pray for each and every day. I began to take my two granddaughters to church with me, Taizjah and Tehrae, and in the meantime the Holy Spirit was touching my oldest daughter, Letesha's, heart. She was baptized on January 20, 2007, with her two daughters and, to everyone's

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surprise, her husband, Christopher.

I also have twin brothers, Damon and Dimitri. Damon was just recently baptized on October 11 on the final day of the ShareHim meetings held at Devonshire church. My daughters, Christy and Janae, are now receiving Bible studies on a weekly basis and my youngest sister, Joann, has arranged for family Bible studies to be held at her house every other Friday evening.

The Lord is never to be doubted



Janice Richardson, left, her daughter, Letesha Wellman, right, with her husband, Christopher Wellman.

at any time. My sisters and brothers continue to pray without ceasing. I fervently declare that God hears your prayers. —*Janice Richardson, Devonshire church member*

Thank You, Lord, for Your Goodness and Your Mercy

God has been so good to me in 2008 that I must take this opportunity to praise Him. The Lord blessed my family with a nice home on a half-acre of land in a small country town. My family has been praying for at least five years to move out of the inner city to a small town.

Also, my prayer for a while has been to have my four children in Seventh-day Adventist schools. For one reason or another, only three would end up in a Christian environment. Praise the Lord, as of November 3, all of my

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children were enrolled in Seventh-day Adventist schools.

The Lord didn’t stop with my family, but he has also blessed me at my job. I’m the principal at the Warren Seventh-day Adventist School and the Lord has truly blessed our school. This year we have had the greatest increase in enrollment in the school’s history. We were able to hire another teacher and the Lord sent eight church members to volunteer and share their talents.

Thank you, Lord, for Your goodness and Your mercy!—*Angela Walton, Warren Seventh-day Adventist School principal*

Renovation — Heart and Soul

At the Dixfield Seventh-day Adventist

Church we are so thankful for the awesome answers to prayers we have experienced over the past couple of years. God has taken a scarcely populated church and filled it to the



Christine Penney

brim. Members were praying for God to heal and restore the church, and He heard and answered. When the membership felt the need to start a renovation project in the sanctuary, a group met regularly in the sanctuary to pray for the renovation. As we prayed, we also asked God to renovate the hearts of the people and unite us as a family for Christ. There were also faithful prayers asking to reopen our church school and fill our pews. God was faithful in answering our prayers.

He has added 12-15 new members through the ongoing leadership of our pastoral team, Steve and Frankie Brownell, as well as through a successful evangelistic series by Rick and Jayne Kuntz. He has also reopened our church school. But most importantly, He has renovated the hearts of the members and created a family that reflects the body of Christ in love and fellowship.

Now, when people visit, they not only comment on the beauty of the sanctuary but more importantly, they can’t help but notice the Spirit of the Living God in this congregation. Praise God for His faithfulness to us!

“Ask, and you shall receive, that your joy may be full”—John 16:24.
—*Christine Penney, Dixfield church treasurer and prayer ministries co-leader*

It Was like a Dream Come True

During my senior year in high school I

had to juggle school work, my responsibilities as vice president of the school, 12 college applications, and family. I was a bit frustrated with the challenge of having to pay for my college education constantly hovering over my head. My mother reminded me that I should not be swayed by the dollar amount, but I should apply to the places I believed were the best choices and pray for guidance, because the Lord would make a way according to His plan for me.

Months went by and I received both acceptance and rejection letters. In the end, I made it into my number one choice,

but could not afford to attend, because it was out of the country. I was also rejected by my other top three choices. I must admit, I was



Marlana Matute Hall

completely devastated and could not believe that, after all my hard work and heartfelt prayers to God, I was to remain in New York. At the time I did not see God’s plan until two weeks later. My high school has always organized a senior awards night when the graduating seniors (who were invited) would receive academic, service, and scholarship awards. Although I was invited, I believed that I would only be receiving an award for my accomplishments in English. However, I was proven wrong.

Close to the end of the ceremony my name was called. I was the next recipient of the Atkinson Scholarship for Leadership for the senior class of 2008. It was an award for \$10,000 that went directly to the student and not the college. I could not believe it. It was like a dream come true and I am especially grateful for it.

Today I am attending Hunter College and still plan to travel abroad for my studies, and continue with my writing, which is my second passion. I know, through my experience last year and the grace of God and his blessings, I will reach my goals and those which He has for me, as well.—*Marlena Matute Hall, college student and Corona church member*

Thankful for Gifted Lay Leaders

Different people have different gifts. If you were to ask me about the gifts of William Moody, head deacon at the Joy of Troy Seventh-day Adventist Church, I would list storytelling as number one. Each time I hear him tell a children's story I am amazed at how he connects with kids to present a well-known Bible story in a way that also engages adults. I still remember the story about Daniel and his friends that he shared about a year ago in church. He started by inviting children to imagine what it would be like to be kidnapped and taken to another country where people did not even speak their language.

Bill's gift found a perfect match during the recent evangelistic meetings

in Albany. Every night all major sites had a children's program along with the regular meetings. In our church the main speaker for the meetings was Pastor William McNeil with Miguel Crispo serving as the children's pastor.

Adding a children's program to the series was a winner for our church. Most of the children who came to the meetings were from non-Adventist homes, but responded to the call and wanted to be baptized! Every night we had eight to 12 children. Miguel Crispo and William Moody worked together to teach kids. For the final Sabbath at the Egg (Albany's convention center) Moody was the main speaker for the children's program.

At the first board meeting following the series, William Moody presented a written proposal to have children's church each month. It seems that God is reminding us that we should never forget how precious children are in His sight! Praise God for the varied gifts He gives to His people.—*Roman Kozlov, pastor, Capitol District*

Members of All Ages Working Together

I have been in the church for more than 30 years and have received great blessings. Since February 2007, I have had the opportunity to develop a church plant. God has led our group and shown us that our true mission is to help others. Right now we are assisting the homeless by collecting blankets and sweaters. We have

teamed up with other churches and guided them with the establishment of an area food pantry. During the holiday season, members spend time preparing holiday baskets for those in need. Each week a special offering is taken so that items can be purchased for the baskets.

Never before have I experienced a church setting where both young and old are "on fire" for Jesus. Church is an exciting place on Sabbath morning. Contemporary music and loving voices can be heard over the musical instruments. There is lots of love to go around and, after our service, we enjoy sharing a meal together. Often our potluck dinners are working sessions where plans are made to keep our church involved in the community.

Our members' ages range from 14 months to 96 years old. And by the way, our almost 97-year-old member drives herself and others to church. She had been one of the "forgotten" ones who spent years at home until our group visited her and invited her to attend our church plant. We have many in the church who were home alone and among the forgotten. They have now joined together and spend their time working in God's vineyard.—*Laura Smith, Cumberland Seventh-day Adventist Fellowship Company head elder*

Do you have an interesting story of thanksgiving or answered prayer you would like to share with us? Send your article of 250 words or fewer and a photo by e-mail to gleaner@atlanticunion.org, or mail to: Atlantic Union GLEANER, PO Box 1189, South Lancaster, MA 01561.



Laura Smith



Three people were baptized during the meetings, two more a couple weeks later, and several more continue to take Bible study planning to be baptized soon.



By David Cadavero

Adventist Education Makes the Difference

Several years ago, William John Bennett, former United States secretary of education from 1985–1988 declared, “Next to the family, the elementary school is the single most important influence in shaping children’s lives.” If Seventh-day Adventist parents were to take this statement seriously, then it would be their desire to place their children in a school system in which the home, church, and school work cooperatively to shape the child’s life according to Christian standards.

Our national system of public education can’t fulfill this commission despite the fact that many public school educators may be competent. They may even be kind and concerned about children’s educational development, but public school teachers are agents of the state. There isn’t one public school teacher who would not be in violation of their contract who could: (1) pray with your children, (2) teach your child about developing a loving relationship with Jesus Christ, and (3) invite the presence of the Holy Spirit into their classroom, the source of all true wisdom.

Our Seventh-day Adventist teachers are also agents, but not of the state—they have a higher authority to whom they are accountable. Our teachers are representatives of an educational system whose builder and maker is God. It is the desire of every Seventh-

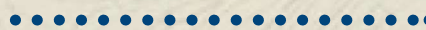
day Adventist teacher to implement the likeness of the character of Christ—first in themselves, and then in each student who has sacredly been placed before them.

Ellen G. White in *CHRIST’S OBJECT LESSONS*, p. 195, states that “Children are the heritage of the Lord, and we [parents] are answerable to God for the management of His property.” Parents, a sacred responsibility has



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—CHRIST’S OBJECT LESSONS, p. 195.



been entrusted to you. You must place your children in an educational system where not only the 3R’s (Reading, ‘Riting, and ‘Rithmetic) are taught, but more importantly where a fourth ‘R’—Religion (spiritual values, Christian education, etc.) is taught; not merely as an addition to the curriculum, but as the pervading principle throughout the curriculum and in

all methods of teaching. It is to this end that the Seventh-day Adventist school system operates more than 6,000 schools internationally.

In a world influenced largely by secular trends, it is essential that Seventh-day Adventists give primary place in education to the values of eternal consequence. In addition, Matthew 5:16 challenges God’s people to “Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Ellen G. White in *FUNDAMENTALS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION*, p. 431, affirms that “True. . . education is what makes students acquainted with God and His word and fits them for eternal life.”

It is my prayer that all Seventh-day Adventist parents will commit themselves to the belief that, “All of our children shall be taught of the Lord” (Isaiah 54:13). May each of us be able to claim each of our children for their immortal inheritance thus enabling them to be united with their Savior and Lord. Praise God for Adventist Christian education!@



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Christ Chooses to Be with You

Matthew 28:16–20 is historically known as the text that gives the Seventh-day Adventist Church its mission and purpose. Have you ever looked at this text in light of youth ministry? If not, consider the following points.

In verse 18 (NIV) it states that “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.” Youth leaders, just as the Heavenly Father gave authority to His Son, Jesus Christ, that very same Heavenly Father is giving each of you authority to carry out His mission on this earth to the youth of the church. The authority has been given to each of you; the authority given to Jesus has been transferred to each of you. God has given you, through church leadership, the authority to carry out His will with the precious youth of the Atlantic Union. The last point of the great commission—“I will be with you always”—applies to you today. Christ chooses to

given responsibility that begins with one person demonstrating to another an intimate relationship with God. Practicing biblical discipleship is evidenced through a life that is contagious (PUSHING THE LIMITS, pp. 140, 141). So, first, we must become disciples. There can be no making of disciples until the teaching of Christ moves our own hearts. The purpose of youth ministry is to teach in such a way that our youth will become disciples. My favorite youth ministry text is Luke 6:40 (NKJV): “A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.”

A third point is equally important: “baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” As you assist in preparing the young people for baptism, make sure you include more than just teaching the 28 fundamental beliefs of the church. While this is important, it is more important to focus on Jesus,

His grace to us, the Holy Spirit’s power to help, and their own personal understanding of what it means to be a Christian fully surrendered to God’s will.

Lastly, the fourth point is “teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you” (verse 20,

NIV). George Knight, in his commentary on Matthew, suggests this. Matthew repeatedly stresses obedience to the will of God in things of practical life and he refers to Matthew 25:31–46. Take some time to study this. Notice its emphasis on practical religion. One of the foundations of youth ministry in all its forms is to teach our young people to follow God’s teaching by reaching out to others.

As you plan your youth ministry for the new year, why not study the great commission again and apply its principles to youth ministry?🙏

No matter how discouraging it may seem, no matter what behaviors are exhibited by the youth, no matter how much sleep you lose planning events, God is with you.

be with you. In other words, He’s got your back! Youth work is not easy, and there are those out there who might oppose you and the plans you have made, but remember, Christ is right there beside you to encourage you to keep on going.

This is a great promise to youth leaders. No matter how discouraging it may seem, no matter what behaviors are exhibited by the youth, no matter how much sleep you lose planning events, God is with you. Why? Because He has given you authority through His power and grace to carry out His work on behalf of young people.

A second point of the great commission is for us “to go and make disciples of all nations.” What is a disciple? Discipleship is defined as “teaching others to be what I already am.” To make disciples, you have to be one. You can’t give what you don’t have. Discipleship is a God-



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From Substance Abuser to Substance Abuse Counselor of the Year

He was addicted to crack cocaine for a number of years, had a stroke at 35, and was imprisoned at age 36. By then he had become sick and tired, broken-spirited, and contrite of heart, when he felt the call of the Lord. A praying mother and the Seventh-day Adventist prison ministries team provided the impetus for him to give his heart to the Lord, and he has never turned back.

Eleven years ago, after becoming a member of the Pembroke Seventh-day Adventist Church, Kent Laws joined the Prison Ministries department, just one week after being released from prison. He also serves as the religious liberty leader, a member of



Kent Laws (left), is being presented with the Counselor of the Year Award plaque by Minister Dale Butler, minister of culture and social rehabilitation.

the audio/visual department, and the church board.

He has been employed at Harbour Light (a Salvation Army facility) as a senior counselor for seven years. Prior to this, he served as a volunteer counselor

for two years. He runs evening groups—Relapse Prevention and Anger Management—and makes presentations to schools, church youth groups, at King Edward Memorial Hospital (KEMH), and to

other organizations. He also serves as a member of the Bermuda Addiction Certification Board.

On Saturday night, September 27, he was voted Counselor of the Year. From substance abuser to Substance Abuse Counselor of the Year, Kent Laws has become a warrior for Jesus. The Lord has brought him a mighty long way. Law's guiding text is 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new." Congratulations to Kent Laws.

*Randolph Wilson
assistant communication director
Bermuda Conference*

Remembering Our Grandparents

A number of grandparents and well wishers converged upon the campus of Bermuda Institute on October 18 for another year's recognition and celebration of grandparents. A record number of grandparents arrived early, signed in, and took their places in the seats reserved for them in the auditorium in anticipation of the chapel program planned especially for them.

Morton Williams, a proud grandfather, and Juanita Swan, Home and School president, hosted this year's program. They kept the audience well entertained with their humor and flashbacks to the "good old days." The theme this year was "I Remember When," and it provided the focal point for the day's activities. Elementary students wrote essays, and middle school students put together PowerPoint presentations highlighting those special moments with their grandparents that had the greatest impact on their lives. Each student's presenta-

tion revealed how meaningful and enjoyable they find spending quality time with their grandparents. Some of the outstanding essays and PowerPoint presentations were featured during the program.

Another Grandparent's Day treat was the annual hat and fashion show. The grandparents modeled their hats and stylish clothing for the enjoyment of the students. They showed that dressing with pride and dignity never goes out of style.

New to this year's chapel service was the recognition of a grandparent who has spent a tremendous amount of time in service to the community. The honor was bestowed upon Fay Whalley of the St. George's Seventh-day Adventist Church. Not only has she served her community unselfishly, but she has also sacrificed to ensure that her children received Christian education and they, likewise, have enrolled their children at Bermuda Institute. Many of her family members were present to sup-

port and celebrate with her as she received this award of merit.

Immediately following the program, grandparents of elementary students visited with them in their classroom, where they had lunch and activities prepared for them. The grandparents of the middle and high school students remained in the auditorium where they were served lunch and tea while in the company of their grandchildren. After the lunch, teams of grandparents and grandchildren competed against each other in a game of Jeopardy, which again focused on the theme "I Remember When."

Through the Grandparent's Day celebrations, Bermuda Institute recognizes and honors the precious gift God has given in the form of grandparents. Congratulations to the Grandparent's Day committee for a job well done.

*Sheila Holder
communication director
Bermuda Conference*

Encountering God Under His Canopy

The Emmanuel and Mizpha Seventh-day Adventist churches united on June 14 for a full day of worship. Starting at the Emmanuel church, Pastor Rohann Wellington spoke on how we are a family.

Following the divine service, members and friends carpooled to the Montgomery Pinetum State Park in Greenwich, Connecticut, where they ate lunch and got better acquainted.

With the birds chirping, discussions took place on what it must have been like for Adam and Eve to walk through the Garden of Eden. The children participated in a treasure hunt, looking for items that would have been created during God's creation week. Just as in the Garden of Eden where the serpent was present, the children saw a snake slithering across the forest floor. This snake reminded us that, where God's children are, Satan is always there trying to turn their eyes away from the Creator. The youth participated in a Bible trivia game and

were challenged to memorize Scriptures about nature.

Everyone joined together for a nature walk. As the groups wandered along different paths under God's great canopy, we recalled different Bible stories. While standing on a mount we recalled Christ's famed speech, The Sermon on the Mount. As we traveled the lonely hiking path, we were reminded of the story of the man who fell among thieves and the Good Samaritan who helped him.

The lake reminded us of Christ walking on water, the disciples fishing to no avail and Jesus telling them to cast their nets again. The disciples' nets came up teeming with fish.

When we came to the garden we could not help but recall the agony of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Emotions were varied and some had to stop and pray.

Beneath the weeping willow our voices could be heard ringing out the song "This is my Father's World." Earl Knight, Greater New

York Conference executive secretary, braved the inclement weather to give us our closing vesper thought. He reminded us that we are lights in a world of darkness. We should bravely hold out our



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lights because we are heaven-bound soldiers. As we left the park, we joined with the psalmist in declaring, "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth his handy work"—Psalm 19:1. On our way

home the rain poured and the thunder clapped, but it didn't matter. We had a real encounter with God under His canopy.

*Najet Lawrence
communication director
Emmanuel church*



▲ The children enjoyed a treasure hunt, looking for items that would have been created during God's creation week.

► The youth enjoyed a Bible trivia game and were challenged to memorize Scriptures about nature.



KidZone Bible Study Graduation



Martha Covi, left, with graduates Andrew Alcín, Joshua and Kevin Verlus, Cynthia and Myles Lothian, Nnana Matthew, Anne Alcín, and Pastor Zabaleta, center rear.

One year ago, the Yonkers Seventh-day Adventist Church received a request from Kevin and Joshua Verlus' mom for the Kidzone Bible study guides. We ordered them from Voice of Prophecy and they sent us a starter set of lessons.

We thought that it was a good idea for the children of the Yonkers church as well, and we passed out the lessons to Myles and Cynthia Lothian. Before we knew it, we had about 13 juniors taking the lessons. At present, seven children have received their diplomas.

We are looking forward to another graduation soon, when the remaining juniors have completed their lessons.

*Martha Covi, communication department
Yonkers church*

New Scholarships Available to Each Atlantic Union Congregation



Deane Sherwin

Atlantic Union College has a new focus on Christian leadership and community engagement. It is preparing students to be successful in their work environment while transforming the world around them.

Christian Leadership And Community Engagement Scholarships

It was voted to establish, starting with the 2008-2009 school year, a two-way matching scholarship for students with demonstrated exceptional leadership skills and/or outstanding community engagement.

1. Each church within the Atlantic Union territory is eligible to sponsor

- up to two students per year.
2. Their local conference through the Atlantic Union College will match up to a maximum of \$3,000 per semester or \$6,000 per year. AUC will match lesser amounts, as well—that's entirely up to the local church.
3. The church's portion must be received by registration day for the semester for which the funds are designated.
4. The local churches select the students they wish to sponsor. The selected students must meet AUC's admissions criteria.

AUC offers two such grant opportunities per congregation, one focused on

Christian leadership and one focused on community engagement. We ask the local church to keep our two key themes in mind as they select potential recipients, but the selection criteria is up to the local church. AUC's hope is that this will help tie the student to her or his local congregation, so that the student is more likely to return and contribute to the church after graduation. We also believe that, if a church requires periodic progress reports from recipients, they will be even more inspired to work hard.

The deadline for the 2009 spring semester is January 20, 2009.

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Atlantic Union College in South Lancaster, Massachusetts, is currently receiving applications for the Adult Degree Program, on campus dates January 4–15, 2009. Just come to the campus for 10 days of intensive instruction and then complete all your assignments at home over the next months. Plenty of people have gradu-

ated over the 36 years we've been offering this program.

Register by e-mail at adp@auc.edu or by calling 1-800-282-2030. Atlantic Union College is one hour from Boston and three hours from New York.

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Financial aid is available for qualified students.

Carole Steele — A Professor with a Ministry

August 17, 1953—October 21, 2008



Michelle Martel

Carole Steele

Prior to joining the faculty at Atlantic Union College, Carole Steele was known for a life of service. Professionally, she served as a registered nurse for many years at Nashoba Community Hospital in Ayer, Massachusetts, until the Lord provided an opportunity for her to teach at Atlantic Union College (AUC). She became a physical fitness instructor in January 2002, and was named an assistant professor of physical education in 2004.

She was also a graduate of Atlantic Union College, earning an Associate of Science in nursing, a Bachelor of Science in physical education, and a Master of Education with emphasis in curriculum, instruction, and supervision.

When Carole prayed earnestly for God to give her a specific ministry, He swung the doors wide open! Because one of her loves was baking, she began making birthday cakes for a women's shelter. Because she noticed how a cake sparked conversation and friendships between the women, she wondered how she could expand her ministry—and expand she did.

At Atlantic Union College, she began baking 9" x 11" birthday cakes for all students in her physical education classes, then for all students in the dorm, and then added many

faculty and staff. At times, she could be seen arriving at school and delivering six to seven cakes to soon-to-be delighted individuals. Each cake and frosting was made-from-scratch, decorated with a birthday wish, and the person's name. Carole's joy was making someone smile or blessing someone's day. She quickly became known as the "Cake Lady."

Each semester culminated in wonderful baked goods for all her students to enjoy, and Christmas was celebrated with homemade cookies for each of her students to take home.

Anyone who helped Carole in any way was also surprised with some special delicacy to say "thank you" and one of Carole's special "thank you" smiles.

Carole loved teaching and her students. When asked why she gave so much of her time, money, and ener-

gy to her students, she simply said, "If I can touch just one student's life, it is worth it!" Carole's life was the definition of ministry. She took her talent and her love, looked around to find a need, and reached out in her own special way.

This statement was proven over and over as testimonies of how she reached out and touched students' lives flowed abundantly from students as her life was celebrated at her funeral on October 28, 2008. Friend Gail Irrgang's closing thoughts and words that day encompassed so much when she said, "Carole's last request was that we all meet her in heaven. She won't be hard to find. She'll be the one hugging Jesus while giving Him a cake for all He did for her."

*Sandy Boucher-Periera
friend and financial aid director
Atlantic Union College*

Judith Kendall Pires — Longtime AUC Board Member Dies

December 5, 1939—October 17, 2008



Jenik's Studio

Judith Kendall Pires (Cole) '63, of St. Johnsbury, Vermont, died on October 17, 2008. She taught at Atlantic Union College in the 1960s, and was a trusted and active member of the Atlantic Union College Board of Trustees for many years. "Judy took real courageous action on behalf of AUC during her many years on the board," said AUC President Norman Wendth who spoke at her private graveside service. The family wishes to continue Judy's tradition of community involvement and service through projects that will visibly benefit the local area.

Eight-year-old Preaches During Evangelism Campaign

The New York Conference, in partnership with ShareHim ministries, conducted a major evangelistic effort in Albany, New York, September 12-28. "Capital District 2008" was comprised of eight evangelistic campaigns taking place concurrently in different locations around New York State's capital city. Most locations presented the program for an English audience, but there were also two sites targeting a Spanish-speaking audience. In addition, most sites also included programs for children.

The children's programs used the Truth 4 Youth presentations and the topics correlated to those presented in the adult meetings.

There is nothing more valuable than preparing to be a missionary for Jesus. Such an investment will bear fruit throughout eternity

One important component of "Capital District 2008" besides evangelism (proclamation, teaching, visitation, and baptism) was training the laity. In particular, at the Cohoes site, in addition to the pastor, two lay people also presented some of the messages. One of these lay people was Kerri Purkeypile of Kansas City, Nebraska. This was not her first time preaching, as she had participated in a ShareHim evangelistic meeting in Rwanda a few years back. In Albany, her husband Aaron, a lay person, was the speaker for the adult meetings at the Cohoes site. "It was fun and the children were very inter-



Eight-year-old Rhonda Grakov presented four sermons, showing that one is never too young to be a disciple of Jesus and testify of His love.

active. I was impressed with how much they learned. It was not hard, and working with the computer program makes it so much easier to do the presentations," said Purkeypile.

The other lay person, Rhonda Grakov, who is from the Albany area, presented four of the sermons—half as many as her age. Yes, that's right, Rhonda is only eight-years-old, but never too young to be a disciple of Jesus and testify of His love. She said she really enjoyed doing it, and she was a fast learner. By her second sermon, she was able to go beyond the script and add ideas and illustrations of her own. Her body language and intonation suggested that she was relaxed as she was becoming more comfortable with her new role as evangelist. Rhonda says, "I liked pressing the little but-

ton and seeing the pictures and I especially enjoyed the video clips." When asked if it was difficult for her to do this, she said, "Not really. I just had to prepare—read the sermons at home a couple of times." Moreover, she says that this experience has helped her remember the material more.

Rhonda says that, as a result of her preaching, she started to realize more what being a disciple of Jesus means. "I have to give everything to Jesus . . . even my bad thoughts and my feelings. I didn't really think about that before, but now I am starting to think more

and more that I have to give all to Him. Sometimes in the middle of the day the Holy Spirit reminds me of this." Beaming with joy, her mother said, "She did very well for the first time and she enjoyed it so much . . . I am thankful for this great program. The crafts were great and the presentations well-thought-out and well put together. All my children really wanted to come to the meetings and they learned a lot." Her mother was not the only adult who came because the children wanted to come.

In terms of training, there is nothing more valuable than preparing to be a missionary for Jesus. Such an investment will bear fruit throughout eternity. You may not feel prepared and maybe just the thought of speaking in front of others paralyzes you, but if Rhonda could do it, so can you. Pray about what you can do for God pertaining to evangelism and allow Him to use you as He sees fit, even though it may not be comfortable at first.

*Samuel Indreiu, pastor
Jamestown church*

Curriers Church Members Witness Baptism at Creek

On Sabbath afternoon, September 6, Curriers Seventh-day Adventist Church members witnessed Dennis Miller being baptized in the Cattaraugus Creek near his home in Springville, New York. His cousin, Denise Bullock, and Jim Hammer gave him Bible studies. Hammer joined Pastor Miguel Crespo in the water when Miller was baptized.

*Marlene Spalding Luther
church clerk
Curriers church*

Outdoor School Provides Firsthand Experience for Students

On September 12, students in grades 5-8 from across the New York Conference traveled with dedicated teachers and volunteers to Camp Cherokee in Saranac Lake, New York, for the annual week of outdoor school.

This year's theme was "Journeys . . . Finding Our Way." Students in grades seven and eight "found their way" off campus in small groups as they hiked New York's high peaks, canoed and camped primitively, participated in a work project on Cherokee's "back forty," and traveled by horseback on trails to lean-to's.

Fifth- and sixth-grade students stayed on the grounds and studied animal

tracking and astronomy. All of the students experienced the beauty of God's creation firsthand. The worship messages were presented by Pastor Bob Rice from Vermont and

by guests from The Wild Center, who brought telescopes enabling students to get a closer look at some of God's distant creation in the night sky.

Outdoor school would not be possible without teachers committed to going beyond the call of duty and volunteers who graciously give



Students in grades 5-8 from across the New York Conference traveled with teachers and volunteers to the beautiful Camp Cherokee in Saranac Lake, New York, for the annual week of outdoor school.

of their time, energy, and resources to enrich the education of our students.

Gratitude must be expressed specifically to Sue Hayford, who organized activities for fifth- and sixth-grade students, and to each of the volunteers who "roughed it" on off-campus adventures.

More gratitude must be offered to our great Creator who provides beauty, even in a sin-scarred world, and who protected everyone throughout the week.

*Kim Kaiser
associate superintendent
New York Conference*

Celebrating Baptisms and a New Church

Members of the Niagara Falls and Lockport churches have reason to celebrate. The Niagara Falls church had been closed for about eight years until January 2008 when The Master's Vineyard church plant was organized. On Sabbath, July 5, for the first time in more than 10 years, the church celebrated the baptism of two individuals—Gabrielle Webber and Jon Lucas. Thank God for

the foresight of the New York Conference administrators who decided not to sell the Niagara Falls church, but determined to labor for God in Niagara Falls.

Also celebrating that day was the Lockport church that welcomed two new members, Sabrina Chavers and her son, Cameron Chavers. The church was almost full with members and visitors. Sabbath worship services were launched on July 5.

Approximately 15-30 people have been attending on Sabbath and 25-35 children have been attending the children's Sabbath School each week.

On August 30 we cel-

ebrated again as another individual was baptized and joined the Niagara Falls church plant. At 81 years old, Milton Sutter was baptized in the Batavia Seventh-day Adventist Church baptistry that his brother had helped to build. Milton is a blessing to our church and has been instrumental in making the

church building something to be proud of again. Jesus is coming soon. He is preparing His special people each day. God bless all of our new members as they draw closer to Jesus with their new church family.

*Christina Webber, member
The Master's Vineyard church plant*



From left to right, Jon Lucas, Gabrielle Webber, Sabrina Chavers, and Cameron Chavers were baptized on Sabbath, July 5. Outside, following the morning service, members celebrated the new additions to their churches.

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Moving From Faith to Action

By Valerie Jacobs

The Atlantic Union Conference Sabbath School Department, under the direction of Dionisio Olivo, sponsored a Sabbath School Boot Camp at Camp Winnekeag in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, on the weekend of September 19-21. Presenters included Faith Crumbly and Samuel Thomas from LEAD magazine, Whitford Shaw, Southern New England Conference Sabbath School director, Harry Sabnani, Northern New England Conference Sabbath School director, Howard Ebbin, Bermuda Conference Sabbath School director, Steven Siciliano, Greater New York Conference pastor, Lloyd Hollack, Southern New England Conference pastor, and Gerson Santos, Florida Conference evangelism director and church planting coordinator. The seminars defined how Sabbath School should be conducted and outlined goals on how to revive the membership.

Many months previous to the boot camp I had been asked to be the general superintendent for the church in Dixfield,

Maine. I had a burden for our Sabbath School because it was not growing. I prayed repeatedly and began doing what I felt the Holy Spirit was leading me to do. "Make Sabbath School apply to their week," was the thought I was impressed with again and again.

So we did. I have four superintendents and four teachers. We regularly pray for the teacher and the superintendent in charge each week. The goal is to make the lesson and program applicable, following the Holy Spirit's guidance.

As I listened to the boot camp presenters, I realized that the Holy Spirit had already started my

church down the path of Sabbath School

revival! Wow!

The present-

ers defined for us the goals of Sabbath School: Bible study, fellowship, community outreach, and world mission. This helped us form our goals for our Sabbath School. They gave us tools to use and ways to progress from knowledge to experience. I learned that each Sabbath School member's question should be, "How can I use today's lesson?"

Workshop lessons began with teaching as a spiritual gift, moving through such areas as faith development, progression of faith to action, biblical experiential learning, motivating members for Bible study, small groups, and asking the right questions. There was plenty of time for role-playing and problem-solving, along with a game called CLAIM that brought lots of laughs and learning at the same time. Crumbly, the LEAD magazine editor, wanted our Sabbath School lesson studies to progress beyond merely trading information we already know to applying the lesson principles to our daily interactions.

The Real Work Has Begun

Upon returning to our church we gathered the adult division Sabbath School leaders and shared the ideas and goals for Sabbath School leadership:

- Each teacher was asked to set a specific class goal.
- Leaders were asked to pray daily for one another and their goals.
- We knelt and prayed that the Holy Spirit would use us to help bring in the Sabbath School harvest.

True Results

Our Sabbath School attendance is growing, and, incidentally, so is our church family. Last Sabbath during the prayer-and-praise segment of the worship service, several people gave praise for Sabbath School. I praise God for this answer to prayer and for the guidance we received at the Atlantic Union Conference Sabbath School Boot Camp. What a God-given mission we are on.🙏

Valerie Jacobs is the Sabbath School superintendent for the Dixfield Seventh-day Adventist Church in Dixfield, Maine.



Seventh-day Adventist Church Statement On War in Iraq

In order to increase awareness of the views of the Seventh-day Adventist Church on various subjects, the Atlantic Union *GLEANER* will publish monthly one of the position statements or guidelines voted by church leadership since 1980. These official statements were issued by the General Conference in session, the General Conference Executive Committee, the General Conference Administrative Committee, or the office of the General Conference president.

As the church continues to grow and make an influence, its role in the society will require that its views and what it holds true become known. Such will continue to be the demands of the society, and such will be the need to define Adventism's relevance, or present truth, to those who are asking questions and seeking answers to their dilemmas and problems.

The documents presented here are not an end in themselves, but a reflection of a movement sensitive to its calling and the people who "know how to answer everyone" (Colossians 4:6, NIV).

Seventh-day Adventist Church Statement On War in Iraq

With the commencement of hostilities in Iraq, the Communication Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church World Headquarters, on behalf of the president's office, issues the following statement:

The outbreak of war in Iraq is yet another opportunity for people of faith to stand for hope in the face of despair. Seventh-day Adventist Christians are people of peace who join with their fellow world citizens in praying for a speedy end to the current hostilities.

As a faith community active in every nation on Earth, we cannot view any country as a nation of villains, but rather see them as people for whom God's Son, Jesus Christ, died. We remember the hundreds of Seventh-day Adventist Church members in Iraq, who worship in three congregations, including Baghdad and the ancient city of Nineveh; our fervent prayers are with them and for all who are connected with this conflict.

We recommit ourselves to minister hope in the midst of hopelessness. We wish to offer healing and be responsive to those whose lives have been shattered, wherever they are. This is an integral part of our calling.

Churches should not only be known for spiritual contributions—though these are foundational—but also for their support of quality of life, and in this connection peacemaking is essential. We appeal to Christians and people of good will

all around the world to take an active role in making and sustaining peace, thus being part of the solution rather than part of the problem.*

As we pray and work for peace to prevail, we also recognize—and declare—that the only true peace will come when that blessed hope of Christ's return to Earth is a reality. May that day come soon, and may that hope shine brightly, even in these dark hours.☺

*"A Seventh-day Adventist Call for Peace," General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists Executive Committee, April 18, 2002 (www.adventist.org/beliefs/statements/main_stat52.html)

Statement released on March 20, 2003, by the Communication Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church World Headquarters, on behalf of the President's Office, Silver Spring, Maryland, U.S.A.

Resources

Listed are some resources that will help you learn more about the Seventh-day Adventist Church's beliefs, positions on specific topics, and established guidelines.

Web sites

Official Statements voted since 1980: www.adventist.org/beliefs/statements/index.html

Guidelines: www.adventist.org/beliefs/guidelines/index.html

Fundamental Beliefs: www.adventist.org/beliefs/fundamental/index.html

Church Manual: www.adventist.org/beliefs/church_manual/index.html

Other Documents: www.adventist.org/beliefs/other_documents/index.html

Books

Available online at AdventSource (www.adventsource.org) or your local Adventist Book Center (ABC) (www.adventistbookcenter.com)

STATEMENTS, GUIDELINES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH MANUAL

A Mother's Loss Becomes a Community's Gain

Judith Chandler could have turned the loss of her college student son into a lifetime of anger. Instead, she and her husband, Caswold Chandler, chose to look to God for strength and bought a house in an underserved area of Queens to take His message of salvation to people in that community. Chandler, a long-time member of Corona Seventh-day Adventist Church, dubbed the two-family house in South Jamaica, New York,

in with both feet and has been conducting Bible classes there for the past six years.

When asked what he liked about his Carlos Court ministry, Jennette responded, "Teaching the Word of God undiluted. I'd [also] like to see about 12 people carry the message to different parts of the vineyard."

Jennette's son, Jim, was Carlos' best friend and this was the elder's opportunity to minister in a new community in a place named in

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"Carlos Court," in memory of her son, Carlos Chandler, who died in an automobile accident two days before his 22nd birthday.

The grieving, but determined, mom invited James Jennette, an elder, to teach Sabbath School Bible study classes for adults and children at Carlos Court. He jumped

memory of this promising young man from his church, who was also like a member of his own family.

It is a serious commitment, and every Saturday morning a steady stream of dedicated Bible students can be seen going in to learn from this teacher. At least three have since been baptized and



Judith and Caswold Chandler lost their son, Carlos, in an automobile accident two weeks before his 22nd birthday.

joined the Corona church.

"When he died, I decided to buy a house and help the community wherever I bought it," said Mrs. Chandler, seeming reluctant to use her son's name and the word "died" together. "I found it on Lakewood Avenue and opened it in 2002. It makes me feel very good helping the community."

Among the deeds Mrs. Chandler does for the community is a week-long summer Vacation Bible School for children of the neighborhood. She has been doing it since the place opened and has been pleased with the outcome. The Carlos Court Vacation Bible School program is open to as many youngsters as can be accommodated by the space.

This summer 13 children graduated. Mrs. Chandler nourishes the participants in more ways than one. She feeds their spirit, then feeds their bodies with free lunches. Additionally, Chandler has a scholarship for C-average students in the community. When asked why not the "A" and "B" students, she made it

clear that "C" students also deserve the experience of receiving a scholarship. "I'm investing in kids trying to make it," she said simply. "They need encouragement."

On Thursday mornings Carlos Court is also open to the public for a breathing and exercise class conducted by fellow-Corona and Carlos Court member, Winnie Benjamin, a certified holistic health consultant.

"I will keep doing God's work," said Mrs. Chandler, whose motto is taken from the hymn, "In Times Like These." "In times like these we need a Savior," she greets callers on her answering machine. "In times like these we need an anchor."

It seems like she's helping guide this community to that Anchor through the work being done at Carlos Court. Carlos Court is located at 146-27 Lakewood Avenue, just west of Sutphin Boulevard. Bible Study is held on Saturdays from 9:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. For more information, call (718) 297-8166.

*Marcia Moxam Comrie, member
Corona church*



Judith Chandler, right, with a Carlos Court Scholarship recipient and his mother, at the Corona church.

South Ozone Park Church Holds “Save Our Children” March

The South Ozone Park church held a special march around the South Ozone Park community on Saturday, October 25. The march, themed “Save Our Children,” was intended to make the residents of the South Ozone Park community aware of how much drugs, alcohol, peer pressure, and violence are affecting children.

The event was the brainchild of Laurel Bailey, prayer coordinator, and was spearheaded by the Sabbath School department. Dennis Bush, a retired detective from the New York City Police Department, helped get word out about the event to the community board, borough president, state senator, and local newspapers. Every member and departmental leader of the church supported the event.

Richard Bryant, South Ozone church pastor, Selvyn Williams, Redemption Holy Tabernacle, Inc., pastor, and Diana George, the South Ozone Block Association leader, participated in the event. It was the first time that churches and people of different faiths united for this type of event.

After prayer, members and visitors gathered outside the church and were escorted by the Pathfinder club drum core from various supporting churches and the local members of

New York’s police department. Literature and resource materials on teenage violence, drug abuse, alcoholism, and health were distributed along the parade route.

The event attracted many curious onlookers who came out of their homes, bode-



The need in the community is great and we have moved our church from inside the building to outside the building to begin working with the community.



gas, storefront churches, and vehicles to get the free handouts. “I’ve never seen anything like this,” said Gloria Nolan, the program coordinator. “The interest and excitement of the people was unbelievable!”

Four resource stations were set up at the busiest intersections along the route. Surveys were provided to passersby, to help the church understand and provide for the physical needs of families that completed the survey. “The demand for information on how to keep teenagers off of drugs was one of the topics in high demand. We took names and addresses and plan to mail the information to anyone who requested a particular book,” said one resource station volunteer.

Even though the weather forecast called for it to rain at the exact time the march was scheduled to begin and the sky was overcast, miraculously, not a drop of rain fell until after the march ended.

We thank God for holding back the rain clouds and giving the South Ozone Park church the opportunity to make an impact on the community! The need in the community is great and we have moved our church from inside the building to outside the building to begin working with the community. We praise God for the support of our members and sister churches. Another march is planned for next year.

*Lorraine Archie, clerk
South Ozone Park church*

Mission Members Reach Academic Goals

In January 2008 the Northeastern Conference welcomed la Mission Adventista Latinoamericana de Syracuse, New York, into the sisterhood of churches. The group of 57 members has seen firsthand how God has blessed various members with wisdom to reach their academic goals.

Three of our members received their degrees from Syracuse University. Marlyn Andino, youth director, received a master’s degree in aerospace engineering. She is currently enrolled in the university’s doctoral program and anticipates receiving her degree in May 2009. Roberto Alvarez, the mission’s treasurer and a husband and father of four boys, received a master’s degree in social work, and Alfredo Vega received a master’s degree in engineering.

These individuals placed themselves in the Lord’s hands and were blessed with wisdom, endurance, and financial support. They are testimonies that God wants His children to prosper and will supply according to His riches in glory.

*Louis Velez
communication director
Mission Adventista
Latinoamericana*

Fall Retreat Brings Spiritual Blessings



Rhoda Watson was presented with a blueberry wreath in honor of her longevity.



Teens working together to craft clay people.



The lodge is located on the grounds of Camp Lawroweld.



Collette Pekar, Brunswick, Maine, church associate pastor, was the fall retreat presenter.



Beth Belgarde and Winnie Hodson are members of the retreat team.

“This was one of the most inspirational weekends I have ever experienced,” stated one woman who attended the Northern New England Conference Women’s Ministries Fall Retreat. Held at its youth camp, Camp Lawroweld in Weld, Maine, attendees received many spiritual insights presented by Collette Pekar, Brunswick, Maine, church associate pastor. The praise team, Adoration, combined corporate musical praise with special renditions.

The beautiful September weather made the theme “Seasons” even more appropriate. A teen track was also included, giving teen girls an opportunity to have their own agenda with presenter Amber Ortel and assistants Ginny Jewell and Hannah Frigon. Providing musical inspiration for the teens was Katie Pekar.

A unique tradition that began several years ago was to staff the kitchen exclusively with males. The goal was to have every woman who wanted to attend the retreat able to do so without any culinary responsibilities. It is evident that making that decision was a wise move! Gourmet meals—all home-made with vegetarian and vegan dishes, and a presentation to marvel at—welcomed every guest for every meal. Jeff Chase, with assistant, David DePalma, and their volunteer male staff provided a 10-star culinary experience.

Want to “taste and see that the Lord is good?” Check our Web site, www.nnec.org, in the spring of 2009 for registration details for our September 11-13, 2009, fall retreat.

*Lynn Ortel
communication director
Northern New England Conference*



Gentile and Velda Sandy are members of Adoration, the praise team that provided music at the retreat.



There was time at the retreat for the women to canoe on Lake Weld.



Left to right, Lynn Ortel, Northern New England Conference Women’s Ministries director, Joyce Leonard, prayer coordinator, and Collette Pekar, associate pastor, began the weekend with a dedicatory prayer.



Amber Ortel was one of the presenters for the teen track.



The event included a teen track. Here the teens interact with each other around a craft table.

House of Prayer Ministries

If God Already Knows What We Need, Why Pray?

Consider this scripture, 1 Samuel 12:23: "Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and

In the book THE GREAT CONTROVERSY, p. 525, it states, "It is a part of God's plan to grant us, in answer to the prayer of faith, that which He would not bestow did we not thus ask."

The long range goal for the Barre church is to have a house of prayer in every community where there is a church member.

the right way." Intercessory prayer is powerful. When you pray, you invite God to work in a way that He would not have been able to work if you had not prayed.

With these thoughts and counsel, the House of Prayer concept was born. What would happen if we prayed in our own communities one hour a week?

What would happen if we got together in designated houses of prayer scattered throughout the Central Vermont area and prayed together? The concept was approved by the Barre Seventh-day Adventist Church and began in September 2008.

Immediately, people stepped up to offer their homes for this purpose. The long range goal for the Barre church is to have a house of prayer in every community where there is a church member. Beyond this dream is that every church in the Northern New England Conference will have houses of prayer in their communities. Imagine the power!

Prayer time is Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to unite with other prayer warriors at houses of prayer during this time. God is already bringing us together, and I thank those who are committed to praying until something happens (PUSH). Individuals who are unable to get to a house of prayer are asked to dedicate that time for prayer at home or to call a friend and pray. In Jeremiah 33:3 it states: "Call to me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things which you do not know."

Nancy Cutler, member
Barre church

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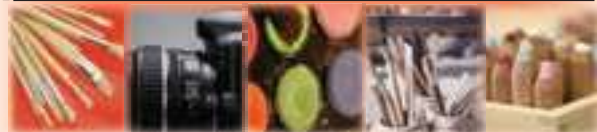
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Lay Members Share **the Gospel Commission**

Among the progressive events taking place in the Southern New England Conference is the revitalized interest in evangelism, an integral aspect of the Ministerial and Church Ministries departments.

It was an exciting experience to see more than 500 Southern New England Conference lay delegates attend the ShareHim rally led by its director, Robert Folkenberg. Another exciting event was the attendance of 120 lay members at the ShareHim Boot Camp held at Camp Winnekeag in Ashburnham, Massachusetts. As a result, 34 of our churches are now involved with the ShareHim witnessing program.

Each year our evangelism committee approves funding for all pastors who apply. Evangelism requests from our pastors for this year amounted to approximately \$650,000. Unfortunately only 74 requests, which totaled \$375,000, were approved. Donations that will provide increased funding for evangelism can now be submitted online on our Web site at www.sneconline.org.

Among the 74 requests, there is funding for one major evangelistic initiative in one pastoral district. The recipient for this year's major funding



Some of the LightAmerica student literature evangelist group.

was Pastor Paulo Vieira, from the New Bedford/Fall River/Seekonk Portuguese district in Massachusetts, who received \$16,000. With those funds he was able to partner with Pastor Luis Biazotto, the Southern New England Conference Publishing Ministries director, who also directs the LightAmerica student literature evangelistic program.

"The program is a cycle of one year of evangelism," states Biazotto. "It is not a single event. It is divided into three cycles and each cycle has different training for the church members."

The first segment is a series of eight sessions to prepare lay Bible workers. At the graduation program, the student literature evangelists and lay members receive a missionary kit including a DVD player, DVDs, and Bible studies. They are motivated and equipped to fulfill the great commission of Matthew 28:19-20: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations . . ."

The second part of the program focuses

on training members in small group ministries. It is in this setting that new members are nurtured as they themselves prepare to go and make new disciples.

The final cycle of the program is 40 days of prayer, called "Early Mornings with God." During this time the mem-



Pastor Luis Biazotto, the Southern New England Conference Publishing Ministries director who also directs the LightAmerica student literature evangelistic program, left, with Pastor Paulo Vieira.

bers develop personal devotional time and prayer alone with God. Everyone prays for five people who are not baptized. At the end of the forty days, they invite the people they prayed for to attend a special program.

How effective is such a program? The response has been tremendous. Hundreds of Bible studies are being generated and, already, 30 new members have been baptized in this district alone.

This is the dream for the Southern New England Conference—to see our church members, pastors, teachers, student literature evangelists, and conference administrators all working together in our mission of sharing the gospel in our individual communities.®



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Rockville-Tolland Church Holds First Pathfinder Summer Camp

Eleven Pathfinders were part of the first annual Pathfinder Summer Camp [PFSC] sponsored by the Rockville-Tolland Seventh-day Adventist Church Golden Eagle Pathfinder Club in Tolland, Connecticut.

The well-staffed summer camp was held at Gay City State Park in Hebron, Connecticut, under the direction of Dayna Beal, director, Kathy Ouellette, assistant director, and Loretta Santos, Green Mountain, Vermont, Pathfinder club director.

The camp ran from July 20 to 23 and allowed Pathfinders to work on their Camping I-III, Orienteering (taught by Kyle Keith of the Leominster, Massachusetts, Pathfinder club), Campcraft, and Fire Building and Camp Cookery honors.

Between class work and cooking for meals, the youth found time for swimming, hiking, games, and exploring. The campout was also a positive learning experience for the staff as they prepare for the 2009 Oshkosh camporee.

*Einar Rom, pastor
Rockville-Tolland church*



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www.sneconline.org. Click on "Schools."

Leominster Church Hosts Amazing Adventure

More than 40 children registered and attended the Amazing Adventure program televised at the Leominster English church September 13–22 (held with a one-day delay for earlier viewing). For the first time they experienced a child-oriented evangelistic series led by Pastor Doug Batchelor from Amazing Facts. (The series can be viewed online at www.amazing-factskids.org, click "View Archives.") The event ran for 10 nights and by the end of the series, 11 children had perfect attendance!



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Their parents were invited to watch the Christian Parenting series that followed each evening while the children watched a

series of videos based on the Ten Commandments and the life of Jesus from a child's perspective.

The children expressed sadness when the program ended, and asked, "When are we having the next meetings?" It was a blessing for the children's ministries team to have been a part of this program and we look forward to the next one!

*Dorcas Sweeney and Penni Shelton
Children's Ministries leaders
Leominster English church*

Inter-Amérique: Des bénévoles adventistes nourrissent presque 1 million de personnes en une seule après-midi

Appel à continuer la lutte contre la faim, “et pas seulement une fois par an” a souligné un secouriste.

Depuis 20 ans, alors qu'il n'en a que 35, Vladimir Gomez vit dans les rues de Bucaramanga en Colombie, en lutte contre la toxicomanie et la mendicité d'argent et de nourriture.

Mais le 11 octobre dernier, V. Gomez faisait partie du million de personnes sans ressources d'Inter-Amérique qui ne se sont pas inquiétées de savoir s'ils allaient avoir ou non un dîner. Pour cet événement parallèle à la Journée de la Faim des Nations Unies, qui se déroule le 16 octobre chaque année, l'église adventiste du septième jour et l'Agence Adventiste de Développement et d'Aide (ADRA) ont collaboré avec les gouvernements locaux pour sensibiliser à la faim.

Des dons de moins de 2 \$ de la part d'un million de membres d'église et de dizaines de jeunes locaux ont permis

d'organiser cette Journée de la Bonté et de la Compassion dans les 17 régions d'Inter-Amérique, a expliqué Bernardo Rodriguez, directeur des Ministères auprès des Jeunes pour l'église régionale et coordinateur de l'évènement.

B. Rodriguez raconte que cet évènement a permis de montrer que le fait de partager l'amour de Dieu par des “actes de bonté” est une façon puissante de “proclamer l'évangile.”

Des dirigeants de l'église, des officiels du gouvernement et des centaines de bénévoles se sont rassemblés sur la place municipale Luis Carlos Galan à Bucaramanga, pour donner de quoi manger à plus de 200 sans-abris, à qui on a aussi offert de prendre une douche, de se faire couper les cheveux et de bénéficier d'une assistance médicale.

“Je me sens bien, comme neuf” a dit V. Gomez.

Marloy est une mère qui vit dans une petite maison en bois

avec ses quatre enfants, ses parents, sa soeur et ses deux neveux. Elle a exprimé sa reconnaissance pour l'évènement.

“Je suis si reconnaissante pour ce que vous nous avez apporté” a déclaré Marloy. “Que Dieu vous bénisse pour ce que vous faites.”

Horacio Serpa, gouverneur de Santander et ancien Ministre de l'Intérieur de Colombie, a dit aux participants qu'il était reconnaissant de l'engagement de l'église à suivre l'exemple de Jésus.

“Aujourd'hui, je suis devenu un bénévole d'ADRA” a ajouté H. Serpa, après que 15 camions chargés de repas aient quitté la place pour amener de la nourriture aux communautés environnantes.

La Journée de la Bonté et de la Compassion a été l'occasion pour ADRA et l'église adventiste d'augmenter sa présence au sein de la communauté, a déclaré Wally Amundsen, directeur d'ADRA Inter-Amérique.

W. Amundsen a dit: “Je suis convaincu que les églises adventistes d'Inter-Amérique vont se rendre compte à quel point il est facile et combien ça vaut le coup de faire quelque chose de significatif dans une communauté comme celle-là. J'espère que toutes les églises vont continuer à réfléchir à ce qu'elles peuvent faire dans leur communauté jour après jour et mois après mois, et pas seulement une fois dans l'année.”

Des membres d'église de différents pays sont déjà en train de programmer une action similaire pour l'année prochaine. De plus, des pays de trois divisions différentes ont exprimé un intérêt certain pour organiser des évènements similaires sur leurs territoires.

Libna Stevens
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Inde : La violence laisse des cicatrices sur Orissa

Les dirigeants de l'église adventiste du septième jour en Inde ont rapporté qu'au moins 27 adventistes ont péri lors de l'épisode violent antichrétien qui a eu lieu dans la région d'Orissa à l'est de l'Inde fin août. Les dirigeants de l'église adventiste racontent qu'il y a toujours des déclenchements de violence dans cette zone malgré les patrouilles des forces de police de la réserve centrale de l'Etat.

Choudampalli John, président de l'église adventiste en Inde de l'Est, a rapporté qu'il n'était pas autorisé à entrer dans les zones où la violence extrémiste s'est manifestée. C. John dit aussi que certains adventistes sont encore terrés dans la jungle parce qu'ils craignent la rétribution des autres réfugiés des camps d'aide dirigés par le gouvernement.

D'autres dirigeants de l'église adventiste ont fait des commentaires sur la gravité de la situation.

Paka Jesurathnam, dirigeant de l'église adventiste à Orissa, a rapporté que des milliers de maisons et une bonne trentaine d'églises adventistes ont été probablement détruites et pillées.

“L'évaluation de la perte actuelle en vies, biens, lieux de cultes et lieux d'habitation est impossible pour l'instant” a déclaré P. Jesurathnam. “Le fait d'entendre les histoires personnelles des uns et des autres met les nerfs à vif et fait tourner les sangs.”

Le Premier Ministre d'Inde a condamné la violence, parlant de “honte nationale” selon les rapports qui ont été publiés.

Environ 50000 chrétiens de la région de Kandhamal d'Orissa sont dispersés dans les sept camps de réfugiés dirigés par le gouvernement et dans la jungle environnante, a rapporté les Nouvelles Eucuméniques Internationales.

Des extrémistes hindous sont

accusés d'avoir décapité un pasteur adventiste au mois d'août. Samuel Naik, pasteur de l'église adventiste de Phulwani et sa mère ont été tués lors de la violence antichrétienne qui a balayé cette région de l'Inde. Les dirigeants de l'église adventiste ont rapporté que l'épouse de Naik, que l'on a précédemment rapportée comme morte par suicide, est encore vivante.

Cet épisode de violence a été déclenché après que des agresseurs non identifiés aient tué un leader religieux hindou et quatre autres individus. Les hindous accusent les chrétiens de ces morts, alors que le gouvernement indien parle de rebelles maoïstes.

Megan Brauner
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Interamérica: Voluntarios adventistas alimentan a casi un millón de personas en una sola tarde

Durante veinte de sus 35 años, Vladimir Gómez ha vivido en las calles de Bucaramanga, Colombia, luchando con una adicción y pidiendo dinero y alimentos.

Pero el pasado 11 de octubre, Gómez estuvo entre el casi un millón de necesitados de toda la región Interamericana de la iglesia que no tuvieron que preocuparse por los alimentos para ese día. En un evento que reflejó el Día Mundial de Lucha Contra el Hambre de las Naciones Unidas (que es observado todos los años el 16 de octubre), la Iglesia Adventista y la Agencia Adventista de Desarrollo y Recursos Asistenciales (ADRA) colaboró con los gobiernos locales para promover la conciencia respecto del hambre en el mundo.

Las donaciones de menos de dos dólares por parte de casi un millón de feligreses y miles de jóvenes de las iglesias locales hicieron posible este Día

de la Bondad y la Compasión en la mayoría de las regiones eclesiásticas de Interamérica, dijo Bernardo Rodríguez, director de jóvenes de la iglesia regional y uno de los organizadores del evento.

Rodríguez dijo que el evento mostró que compartir el amor de Dios por medio de “actos de bondad” representaba un poderoso medio de “proclamar el evangelio.”

En la Plaza Cívica Luis Carlos Galán de Bucaramanga, los líderes de la iglesia, los funcionarios del gobierno y miles de voluntarios se reunieron para alimentar a más de doscientas personas sin hogar, que también pudieron acceder a instalaciones con duchas, recibir cortes de cabello y atención médica. El esfuerzo, que fue transmitido en vivo por Internet, representó uno de los muchos lugares participantes.

“Me siento tan bien, me siento nuevo,” dijo Gómez.

Marloy, una madre de cua-

tro hijos que viven en una pequeña casa de madera con sus hijos, padres, una hermana y dos sobrinos, expresó su gratitud por la iniciativa.

“Me siento tan agradecida por lo que nos han traído,” dijo Marloy. “Que Dios los bendiga por lo que están haciendo,” dijo.

El gobernador de Santander y ex Ministro del Interior de Colombia, Horacio Serpa, expresó a los participantes de Bucaramanga que estaba agradecido por el compromiso de la iglesia con seguir el ejemplo de Cristo.

“Hoy he llegado a ser un voluntario de ADRA,” dijo Serpa, después de que quince camiones cargados de alimentos dejaron la plaza para distribuir la comida en las comunidades circundantes.

El Día de la Bondad y la Compasión representó una oportunidad para ADRA y la iglesia de incrementar su presencia en la comunidad, dijo

Wally Amundson, director de ADRA Interamérica.

“Estoy seguro que las iglesias en toda Interamérica comprenderán cuán fácil y cuán económico resulta hacer algo significativo en la comunidad,” dijo Amundson. “Mi esperanza es que cada iglesia continúe pensando en qué puede hacer por su comunidad de manera diaria y todos los meses, no solo una vez al año.”

Los miembros de iglesia de diversos países ya están planificando repetir esta actividad el año que viene. Asimismo, los países de tres diferentes regiones mundiales de la iglesia han expresado interés en llevar a cabo eventos similares en sus territorios.

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India: La violencia deja secuelas en Orissa

Los líderes de la Iglesia Adventista de la India han informado que al menos 27 adventistas han muerto por la brutalidad anticristiana que se desarrolló en la región oriental de Orissa a fines de agosto. Los líderes dicen que aún hay brotes de violencia en la región a pesar del control del gobierno.

“Por el momento es imposible evaluar la pérdida real de vidas, propiedades, casas y templos,” dijo Jesuratham.

“Solo escuchar las historias de algunas personas nos hace helar la sangre.”

Choudampalli John, presidente de la Iglesia Adventista de India Oriental, informó que no pudo ingresar a la zona de conflicto. John también dijo que algunos adventistas están escondidos en la selva.

Otros líderes se refirieron a la severidad de la situación. Paka Jesuratham, líder adventista de Orissa, informó que miles de casas y decenas de iglesias adventistas fueron destruidas y saqueadas.

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“Solo escuchar las historias de algunas personas nos hace helar la sangre.”

Es posible que haya unos cincuenta mil cristianos de la región desparra-

mados en los siete campos de refugiados del gobierno y las selvas aledañas, informaron las Noticias Ecueménicas Internacionales.

Extremistas hindúes han sido acusados de decapitar a un pastor adventista

en agosto. Samuel Naik, pastor de la Iglesia Adventista de Phulwani, y su madre fueron asesinados durante los episodios de violencia. Los líderes de la iglesia informaron que la esposa de Naik, que se informó se había suicidado, aún está viva.

Los brotes de violencia se produjeron después que atacantes no identificados asesinaron a un líder religioso hindú y a otros cuatro individuos. Los hindúes han acusado a los cristianos por estas muertes, pero el gobierno del país afirmó que los responsables eran rebeldes maoístas.

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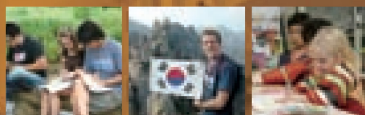
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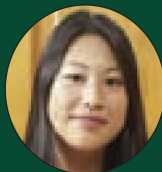
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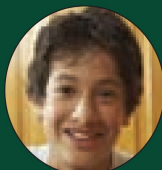
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Boston, MA	4:24	4:31	4:39	4:48	4:57	
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Pittsfield, MA	4:32	4:40	4:48	4:56	5:05	
Hartford, CT	4:32	4:39	4:47	4:56	5:05	
New York, NY	4:41	4:48	4:55	5:04	5:12	
Albany, NY	4:32	4:39	4:47	4:56	5:05	
Utica, NY	4:38	4:45	4:54	5:03	5:12	
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OBITUARIES

BAUER, Arlyne L. (Hazen)—70; b. Sept. 19, 1936, in Woodsville, N.H.; d. Feb. 27, 2008, in Connecticut. She was a member of the Connecticut Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church. She ministered in Pathfinders, taught nature nugget lessons in Sabbath School, was the flower coordinator, and played the organ for 35 years. Survivors include her husband, Richard, of more than 52 years; two sons, Paul and Stephen Bauer; one daughter, Rosemary Bailey; four grandchildren; a brother, David Hazen; and a sister, Beverly Kaldy, and several nieces and nephews.

DANA, Don Stanley Sr.—67; b. Aug. 12, 1941; d. Sept. 22, 2008, in Salem, Ore. In his youth he was a member of the Pittsfield Seventh-day Adventist Church. He graduated from South Lancaster Academy in 1960. He attended Atlantic Union College and after a year studying music in Austria returned to study pre-law at Union College. He graduated in 1966 and married Julene Mohr. They settled in Salem, Ore., for law school and later practiced law there. He is survived by his son Don Dana II (Ruth) of Salem, Ore.; his daughter Denise Mathey (Jim) of San Bernardino, Calif.; one brother, Eugene Dana of Leominster, Mass.; two sisters, Helen Arndt of North Adams, Mass., and Joy Goff, of San Jose, Calif.; four granddaughters; his former wife, Julene Anderson of Big Bear City, Calif.; and four nieces and seven nephews.

HILL, King Solomon Kellon DeVent—18; b. Oct. 24, 1989, in Paget, Bermuda; d. Aug. 10, 2008, in Paget, Bermuda. Hill died as a result of a stabbing incident. He was a member of the Hamilton Seventh-day Adventist

Church in Hamilton, Bermuda. He was a 2008 graduate of Bermuda Institute. Survivors include his parents, Daniel and Gail Hill; two sisters, Kina Hill-Francis (Dion) and Keira Hill; two brothers, Kyron and Kudré Hill; grandfather, Roland Hill; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

KULESA, Sadie D.—96; b. Nov. 20, 1911, in Austria, Hungary, d. Jul. 1, 2008, in Riverhead, N.Y. She was a charter member of the Riverhead Seventh-day Adventist Church in Riverhead, N.Y. She is survived by her sons, Stan of Denver, Colo., and James of Riverhead, N.Y.; her daughter, Patricia of Laurel, Md.; her brother, Thomas of N.J.; five grandsons, and eight great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Stanley in 1978, and two siblings, William Demkin and Marian Demkin Nabor.

MCPHERSON, Dorothy May Boyd Ringering—89; b. Apr. 21, 1919, in Rensselaer Falls, N.Y.; d. Sept. 4, 2008, in Walla Walla, Wash. She received her B.S. degree in English from Atlantic Union College in 1942. She worked for the Review Herald Publishing Association as a copy editor for 10 years. She married Kermit Ringering in 1959, moved to the west coast and, after other employment, worked for the Oregon Conference for 19 years until 1985, when she married Melvin McPherson. She was predeceased by her husbands, Kermit (1984) and Melvin (2007), and her brother, Arthur Boyd. Survivors include two sisters, Ethel Foote of Canton, N.Y. and Evelyn Hitchcock of Amherst, N.Y.; five stepsons, Ivan McPherson, Grant McPherson, Harold Ringering, Marlow Ringering, and Melvin Ringering; one step-daughter, Joan Freeman; five nephews; four nieces; and numerous step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

PONTE, Franklyn—80; b. Dec. 17, 1926 in Springfield, Mass.; d. Oct. 7, 2007, in Lancaster, Mass. He was a member of the Village Church of Seventh-day Adventists in South Lancaster, Mass. At six weeks old he was taken to live at Boston Light where his father was an assistant lighthouse keeper. He lived two years at Boston Light and also lived at other lighthouses during his childhood. He is survived by his wife; Lois; two sons, Franklyn and Charles; a daughter, Kathleen; a sister, Phyllis; a nephew; stepchildren; five grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

REILLY, Minnie M.—87; b. Jan. 22, 1921, in Canton, N.Y.; d. Oct. 8, 2008, Canton, N.Y. She was a member of the Canton Seventh-day Adventist Church. She worked for many years as a nurse. She was predeceased by her husband Stephen, and her brothers Judson and William Foote. She is survived by two sons; Joseph and Thomas Reilly; one daughter, Adele Puglieses and her husband; two brothers, Edward (Charlotte) of Canton, N.Y.; and Joseph (Delores) of Fort Ann, N.Y.; a sister-in-law, Ethel Foote of Canton, N.Y.; three grandchildren, Stephen, Ann, and Elizabeth; two great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

RENNARD, Christine (Tina)—84.; b. May 22, 1924, in Bocas del Toro, Panama; d. Oct. 22, 2008 in New Market, Va. She attended South Lancaster Academy and Atlantic Union College from 1940-1947. She taught at Browning Elementary school for more than 10 years. She moved to New Market, Va., in 1980. Surviving her are her husband Joseph Rennard; a son, Charles Rennard; two daughters, Joy Buchholz and Chris Jetter; five sisters, Angel Jack, Kitty Hood, Lillian Norcliffe, Rose Marie Willruth, and Mena Ritter; nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

RYAN, Edna A.—84; b. Oct. 28, 1923, in Brooklyn, N.Y.; d. Sept. 21, 2008, Rockville, Md. She was a member of the Ellenville Seventh-day Adventist Church in Ellenville, N.Y. She attended Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala., and earned a bachelor's in theology. Upon graduation in 1947, she was hired as a Bible worker for the Northeastern Conference and supported evangelistic efforts in Boston and Springfield, Mass., and Hartford, Ct. She married John H. Ryan on Sept. 11, 1949. During her 20 years at Ellenville she served her church and community getting involved as a deaconess, Sabbath School superintendent and teacher, Adventurer and Pathfinder leader, volunteer school aide, and community services leader. She led a dedicated team that distributed food to Ellenville's needy families. She organized numerous programs, fundraisers, trips, and events. Survivors include two daughters, Yvonne Annette Ryan of Denver, Colo., and Celeste Ryan Blyden (Austin) of Takoma Park, Md.; a son, Stephen Ryan (Zenobia) of Huntsville, Ala.; two grandchildren, Jeremy and JeNaia Ryan; a sister, Florence, a brother, Clifford. She was predeceased by her children Dennis and Denise.

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